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**TRUMBULL - THE FIRST SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE TO BE PLACED IN THE  
FEDERATION OF CONNECTICUT TAXPAYER ORGANIZATIONS' HONOR ROLL HALL OF  
FAME!!!**

At its August 18, 2009 meeting, the Board of Education and Trumbull Public Schools' administrative staff received high accolades in a written communication from Governor Jodi Rell, as well as comments from the Federation of Connecticut Taxpayer Organizations (FCTO), and Trumbull's Citizen Review and Advisory Committee (CRAC) for their role in promoting greater accountability, transparency, and participation in enhancing the school/community partnership. Governor Rell gave special recognition to Board Chairman Stephen Wright, Superintendent Ralph Iassogna and Board Secretary and liaison to CRAC, Joann Tyborowski. The Governor applauded the school district's cooperative efforts with CRAC to bring taxpayers and public officials together to enhance the policies and procedures of a school district for the purpose of maximizing all school resources. She praised the many hours all

participants dedicated to this project and the unwavering commitment of the Board, its administration, and CRAC,

The Citizen Review and Advisory Committee was initiated by Dr. Armand Fusco, retired Massachusetts and Connecticut educator and former Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Fusco echoed Governor Rell's sentiments and stated that "taxpayers and public officials working together make the school system the best it can be." Dr. Fusco congratulated CRAC and its Chairperson, Mr. Tim Ryan, for their support and diligence.

Joining Dr. Fusco in presenting the awards was Susan Kniep, President of the Federation of Connecticut Taxpayer Organizations (FCTO). Ms. Kniep presented Mr. Wright, Mr. Iassogna, Mrs. Tyborowski, and Mr. Ryan with Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation from the FCTO, with the district having the distinction of being the first Connecticut school system to be selected for the Federation's Honor Roll Hall of Fame.

Mr. Wright was described as "providing the critical support in helping the group to get established and without his support, it would not have been possible for the Citizen's Committee to have a very positive and successful start." Mr. Iassogna "provided unbridled support and assistance in a cooperative and friendly manner, and he understands and knows how to work with citizens whose only interest is to help make the district the finest it can be." Both Mr. Iassogna and Mr. Wright praised the efforts of the Trumbull administrative team, particularly those of Business Administrator Steve Sirico for the integral role he played in the review.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

M. JODI RELL  
GOVERNOR

August 18, 2009

Officials of the Town of Trumbull Board of Education  
Members of the Citizens Review and Advisory Committee  
6254 Main Street  
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Dear Officials of the Board of Education and Members of the Advisory Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all who participated in Trumbull's Citizens Review and Advisory Committee with special recognition given to:

Stephen Wright, Chairperson, Trumbull Board of Education  
Ralph Lassogna, Superintendent of Schools and his staff  
Joann Tyborowski, Secretary and Liaison to the Citizens Review and Advisory Committee

As property taxes continue to escalate, taxpayers are looking to their public officials for greater accountability and transparency. They are also becoming involved in the process through such vehicles as Citizens Review and Advisory Committees as initiated by Dr. Armand Fusco, a retired educator and former Superintendent of Schools.

The purpose of the Citizens Review and Advisory Committee is to bring taxpayers and public officials together to work in cooperation to enhance the policies and procedures of a school district as they strengthen their Culture of Accountability, Transparency and Participation for the purpose of maximizing all school resources.

As Governor, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the many hours dedicated to this project and unwavering commitment by the Trumbull Board of Education, the school administration and the members of the Citizen's Review and Advisory Committee as they continue to work in the best interest of the community and its students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell  
Governor